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GRAND JURY IN WICHITA RETURNS INDICTMENTS

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that 12 individuals were indicted on Sept. 21, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Wichita, Kansas. Those indicted include:

Berta Alisia De Luna-Gomez, 39, a citizen of Mexico who was arrested Aug. 19, 2004 in Sedgwick County, Kan., is charged in a superceding indictment with one count of using fraudulent documents to be employed in the United States, one count of making a false claim of U.S. citizenship and two counts of misusing a social security number.

If convicted, Luna-Gomez faces up to 10 years in prison on the fraudulent document charge, up to three years on the charge of making a false claim of U.S. citizenship, up to five years in prison on each count of misusing a social security number, and a fine up to \$250,000 on each of the four counts. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Leonor Castillio-Martinez, 35, a citizen of Mexico who was arrested in Garden City, Kan., is charged with one count of using fraudulent documents to be employed in the United States; one count of making a false claim of U.S. citizenship; and two counts of misuse of a social security number.

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If convicted, Castillio-Martinez faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on the fraudulent documents charge; up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on the charge of making a false claim of citizenship; and up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count of misusing a social security number.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Erika J. Osorio, 20, a citizen of Mexico who has been living in Wichita, is charged with one count of making a false claim of U.S. citizenship.

If convicted, she faces up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Ignacio Linares-Estrada, 39, a citizen of Mexico who was arrested Dec. 12, 2003 in Wyandotte County, Kan., is charged with one count of re-entering the United States after having been deported as the result of a conviction on an aggravated felony charge.

If convicted, Linares-Estrada faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Ismael Marquez-Floris, 38, a citizen of Mexico who was arrested April 22, 2004 in Saline County, Kan., is charged with one count of re-entering the United States after having been deported in connection with a conviction on an aggravated felony charge.

If convicted, Marquez-Floris faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Sergio Guevara-Gonzalez, 28, a citizen of Mexico who was arrested July 2, 2004 in Sedgwick County, Kan., is charged with one count of re-entering the United States after having been deported as a result of a conviction on an aggravated felony charge.

If convicted, Guevara-Gonzalez faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

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Marvin Canales-Cruz, 20, a citizen of Mexico who was arrested Sept. 14, 2004 in Sedgwick County, Kan., is charged with five counts including: One count of using fraudulent documents to be employed in the United States; two counts of falsely claiming U.S. citizenship and two counts of misusing a social security number. Canales-Cruz was an employee of Snodgrass & Sons Construction Company Inc., Wichita. Snodgrass was a Boeing subcontractor and Canales-Cruz obtained a Boeing non-employee identification badge permitting him to work on site at the aircraft manufacturer's plant.

If convicted, Canales-Cruz faces up to 10 years in prison on the charge of using fraudulent documents; up to three years in prison on each count of falsely claiming a U.S. citizenship and up to five years in prison on each count of misusing a social security number.

The case was investigated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and is being prosecuted by Assistant US Attorney Brent Anderson.

Damon R. Folley, 24, Wichita, Kan., is charged in a superceding indictment with seven counts including: two counts of illegally possessing firearms obtained through interstate commerce after he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by more than a year in prison; one count of possession with intent to distribute 111 grams of crack cocaine on Jan. 20, 2004; one count of possession with intent to distribute 91 grams of marijuana on Jan. 20, 2004; one count of possession with intent to distribute 29 grams of crack cocaine on Aug. 4, 2004; one count of possession with intent to distribute 182 grams of marijuana on Aug. 4, 2004; one count of using a Glock Model 21, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime on Aug. 4, 2004.

If convicted, Folley faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on both counts of obtaining a gun following a criminal conviction; not less than 10 years and not more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine for possession with intent to distribute 111 grams of crack; five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for possession of 91 grams of marijuana; not less than five years and not more than 40 years in prison and a fine of \$2 million on the charge of possession with intent to distribute 29 grams of crack; 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine on the charge of possession with intent to distribute 182 grams of marijuana; and not less than five years consecutive to other counts and a fine of \$250,000 on the charge of using a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

The case was investigated by the Wichita Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Blair Watson.

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Juan Carlos Olivas, 30, of San Diego, Calif., is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute 41 grams of cocaine on Sept. 15, 2004.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Mattivi.

Antonio Flores-Ocampo, 21, Columbus, Ind., is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute 12.4 grams of powdered cocaine on Sept. 7, 2004.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in prison and a \$4 million fine.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Hendershot.

Luke A. Moran, 19, Hutchinson, is charged with possessing ammunition while he was a user of a controlled substance on May 18, 2004.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

The Reno County Sheriff's Office investigated the case and it is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

Janelle F. Menke, 41, Tempe, Ariz., is charged with two counts of making false statements to the Wichita Housing Authority on "Application for Continued Occupancy" forms in September 2000 and October 2001.

If convicted, she faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development investigated the case and it is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.